(c) the time by when a decision is this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Declaration of State Roads as National Highways is not made on the basis of any particular area, region, population or State but on fulfilment of prescribed criteria, the availability of resources and *inter-se* priority. However, owing to limitation of funds under the Central Sector Roads programme and other priority considerations, it is not possible at present to include the roads in question in the National Highways network.

Vayudoot Link to Bilaspur

2284. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that VAYUDOOT service linking Bilaspur in Madhya Pradesh was formally inaugurated by the Union Minister in the presence of Chief Minister and other dignitaries but after the inauguration not even a single VAYUDOOT service was provided to Bilaspur;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what were the reasons for introducing its formal inauguration flight when the VAYUDOOT was not equipped to continue the service; and

(d) by when, this service would be re-introduced and what are the places that are likely to be connected by this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since the airfield at Jagdalpur which was one of the stations included in the proposed route, was not ready scheduled services to Bilaspur could not be introduced so far.

(d) Vayudoot proposes to commence regular operations on the route Bhopal-Raipur-Bilaspur-Jagdalpur-Raipur-Bhopal, after the Jagdalpur airfield becomes operational.

Trading in Blood supplies may increase the AIDS risk

2285. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immunohaematology at its National Conference held at Pune recently observed that rampant commercialisation and trading in blood supplies are likely to increase the AIDS risk;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what steps Government propose to take so that blood supplies are free from AIDS;

(c) whether Government propose to have a national policy on blood; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Government is not aware about the observations of Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immunohaematology.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government have finalised during 1987, a scheme for development and modernisation of Blood Banking and Blood Transfusion Services in the country. The Seventh Plan outlay for the scheme is Rs. 5 crores. The broad objectives of the scheme are as under:—

(i) Voluntary Blood Donation Programme which consists of publicity through mass-media etc., extension of the financial assistance to voluntary bodies and incentives to voluntary blood donors, donor organisers and outstanding voluntary agencies.